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FOCUSSING ULTRASONIC ENERGY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



Please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 13-23 as follows:

13. (New) An apparatus for treatment of subcutaneous tissue comprising:

means for generating ultrasonic vibrations;

a substantially plano-concave lens disposed immediately adjacent the means for

generating ultrasonic vibrations to focus the ultrasonic vibrations at a focal point within the

tissue; and

means for moving the focal point.